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IMPORT OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the import of oil seed products during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of the oil seeds production in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to attain self reliance in this sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b) Import of oilseeds in terms of vegetable oils Fixed (Edible) was 4.7 million tonnes during 2004-05. It had declined to 4.2 million tonnes in 2006-07. Details of oilseeds production (state-wise) is given in the enclosed statement.

(c): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM)` in 14 major oilseeds growing states in the country for increasing the production and productivity of oilseed crop and to make the country self-sufficient. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilizing bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, training, publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to grow oilseed crop in the country. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through ICAR.